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FOR: EMBASSY/CAPETOWN

1. SOLE BOTSWANA DEL TO THE WPC TO BE HELD IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA 19-30AUG WILL BE PHINEAS P. MAKEPE, UNDERSECRETARY (NUMBER THREE POSITION) IN THE NINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOR AND HOME AFFAIRS.

2. FOLLOWING IS BIODATA ON MAKEPE:
DATE OF BIRTH - OCT 24, 1932
PLACE OF BIRTH - RAMOUTSA VILLAGE, BOTSWANA
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION:
1959-60 AND 1962-63 - PIUS XII UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, ROMA, LESOTHO. OBTAINED B.A. DEGREE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA. MAJOR SUBJECTS -HHISTORY, ENGLISH, SETSWANA.
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1964-66 - DISTRICT OFFICER AND ELECTION OFFICIAL IN BOTSWANA.

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1966 - SECONDED TO FOREIGN SERVICE AND POSTED IN NEW YORK AS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BOTSWANA PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

JUNE 1968 - APPOINTED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I. AT THE EMBASSY OF BOTSWANA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 1969 - TRANSFERRED TO LUSAKA AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ZAMBIA.

AUGUST 1971 - RETURNED TO BOTSWANA AND ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF UNDER SECRETARY.

3. ALTHOUGH RESERVED AND QUIET MAKEPE APPEARS QUITE APPROACHABLE. WE ARE PLASSING TO HIM THE LIST OF U.S. DELEGATES AND HEHWILL QUITE LIKELY LOOK XORWARD TO POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH THE DELEGATION IN BUCHAREST.

4. BOTSWANA DOES NOT NORMALLY ASSUME A MAJOR ROLE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. IN SPITE OF BEING A LIGHTLY POPULATED COUNTRY BOTSWANA HAS A NATIONAL POLICY SUPPORTING FAMILY PLANNING AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO ESPOUSE OR AT LEAST SUPPORT THIS POLICY LIME. GIVEN MAKEPE'S WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE HE SHOULD BE APPROACHABLE REGARDING U.S. POSITIONS AND VIEWS. IN THIS REGARD EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION PRIOR TO CONFERENCE.
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